

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary as "news" Airing this broadcast only days before the presidential election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation as this action by Sinclair is clearly a partisan move.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. The public airways are just that, public; not a free tool to be used to further any specific political agenda, party or candidate.

Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive, non-partisan news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more rigorous reviews to prevent the abuse of public airways. Thank you for your consideration.